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TITLE: SUPER KENO

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EXAMINER:

REQUEST FOR CONTINUATION APPLICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b)

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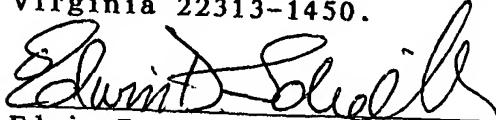
This is a request for filing a continuation application under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b) of prior application Serial No. 10/178,415, filed June 24, 2002, entitled "SUPER KENO," by the following named inventor:

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occurred in the above-identified prior application. The parent case remains pending and is not being abandoned.

1. A Preliminary Amendment is enclosed.

2. Applicant hereby requests that an interference be declared between the claims now being entered by the accompanying Preliminary Amendment and the corresponding claims recited in Tracy et al., U.S. Patent No. 6,416,408, July 9, 2002 (copy from PTO database enclosed), and assigned to Anchor Gaming, of Las Vegas, Nevada. Because Applicant is seeking an interference with a patent, Applicant respectfully requests that the examination of the instant continuation application be conducted with "special dispatch," pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.607(b).

3. The filing fee for the instant continuation application is calculated on the basis of the claims existing in the prior application, as amended by the accompanying Preliminary Amendment. The continuation application contains:

Total Claims: 12 (numbered as Claims 16-27)

Independent Claims: 6 (i.e., Claims 16, 18, 20, 22, 24 and 26)

4. The undersigned hereby confirms that the Applicant remains entitled to claim Small Entity status for the present continuation application. An appropriate Small Entity Statement was executed by Applicant and filed in the great-great-

grandparent application on March 6, 1996.

5. The undersigned hereby states that the Applicant's U.S. licensee, BET Technology, Inc., of Gardnerville, Nevada, is also entitled to claim Small Entity status.

6. The filing fee amount of \$501.00 is enclosed to cover (a) the basic filing fee of \$375.00 for the present continuation application, and (b) the additional claims fee of \$126.00 to cover the pendency of three (3) independent claims in excess of three independent claims covered by the basic filing fee.

7. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the Deposit Account of Applicant's Attorney, Account No. 19-0450, for any fees not herein provided for. A duplicate of this paper is enclosed for billing purposes.

8. Please amend the Specification by inserting beneath the Title of the Invention, at Page 1, the following Cross-Reference to Applicant's prior application:

--This is a continuation of application Serial No. 10/178,415, filed June 24, 2002, which is a continuation of application Serial No. 09/691,758, filed October 18, 2000, now U.S. Patent No. 6,425,823, which is a continuation of application Serial No. 08/950,858, filed October 15, 1997, now U.S. Patent No. 6,336,862, which is a continuation of application Serial No. 08/617,807, filed March 6, 1996, which

represents the U.S. National Phase application of P.C.T. Application No. PCT/AU94/00503, filed August 29, 1994, now U.S. Patent No. 5,830,063.--

9. The great-great-grandparent application is a U.S. National Phase application, pursuant to 35 U.S.C. §371, of P.C.T. application No. PCT/AU94/00503, filed Monday, August 29, 1994.

10. Priority has been claimed in the great-great-grandparent, great-grandparent, grandparent and parent applications, and is claimed for this continuation application, pursuant to 35 U.S.C. §119, on the basis of Applicant's Australia patent application, Application No. PM 0847/93, filed August 27, 1993.

11. The power-of-attorney in the prior application is to:

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12. A true copy of the prior application, i.e., Serial

No. 10/178,415, filed June 24, 2002, is identical to the great-great-grandparent application, i.e., Serial No. 08/617,807, filed March 6, 1996, the latter of which is enclosed, as representing by a true copy of P.C.T. patent application number PCT/AU94/00503, filed Monday, August 29, 1994, and of the parent application for this continuation application.

A copy of the executed Declaration in the great-great-grandparent application, filed March 6, 1996, is also included herewith for use in the present application.

A copy of the Small Entity Statement (Independent Inventor) in the great-great-grandparent application, filed March 6, 1996, is also included herewith for use in the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

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